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Will ban Chinese app TikTok in US: Trump

US President Donald Trump has said that he will act to ban TikTok, amidst reports of Microsoft being in advanced talks to acquire the Chinese-owned app. Talking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump said he could use the emergency economic powers or an executive order to ban it.

Policing services will be made available beyond the force's strength and capacity

Kamal Pant, Commissioner

Bhaskar Rao (R) greets his successor Kamal Pant in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

The police have managed the lockdown well since March, thanks to their resilience. Their morale has to be kept high

Bhaskar Rao, ADGP

B'LURU POLICE WILL BE PEOPLE-CENTRIC: PANT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ADDITIONAL Director General of Police (ADGP) Kamal Pant, who took charge as Bengaluru City Police Commissioner on Saturday a day after the government ordered the transfer of ADGP Bhaskar Rao, has warned that the city police will not tolerate anti-social activities and strict action will be taken against such elements. "The safety of women and children is my priority and people's cooperation is required to curb the menace of drugs," he said. Cyber crimes will also be in focus.

In a fast-growing city, only an alert policing system will be effective in ensuring the safety of citizens, specially the seniors, he said.

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K'TAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

5,172 Test +ve on Saturday

2,412 TOTAL DEATHS

TOTAL CASES 1,29,287

RECOVERIES 53,648

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40 cr Indians in line for 1st vaccine shot

Senior virologists say Centre lags in putting together comprehensive vaccine distribution plan

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@ New Delhi

IF vulnerable groups in India are to be the first beneficiaries of the Covid-19 vaccine, as enunciated by the government, a whopping 40 crore people, or 30% of India's total population, will need the vaccine, prompting fears of a scramble, at least in the beginning.

The sheer scale of the numbers, coupled with the fact that the government appears to be slow in putting together a vaccination distribution plan, is worrying experts and planners alike.

On June 30, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said that PM Narendra Modi had outlined four guiding principles that would form the foundation of the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

These principles included identification and prioritisation of vulnerable groups such as healthcare workers, non-medical frontline corona warriors and vulnerable people among the general population and availability of vaccines without conditions such as domicile.

It also said the vaccine must be affordable and universal, in other words, no person should be left behind, and the entire process from production to vaccination should be monitored and supported in real time with the use of technology.

A query sent to the Department of Biotechnology Secretary Renu Swarup and newly-appointed Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on the vaccination distribution plan remained unanswered but Bhushan, on being asked a related question at a press conference a few days back, had said the vaccine distribution policy was "under deliberation".

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HIGH-RISK GROUPS

22 lakh Healthcare workers | 12 crore People above 60 years

Hypertension, diabetes, cancer patients: **35 crore**

Police, paramilitary personnel: **15 lakh**

Prioritisation plan

Experts say there should be a prioritisation plan in place with mapping of vulnerable people done at the earliest

Preparations for the ground-breaking ceremony for the temple construction are on in Ayodhya on Saturday | PTI

Ayodhya gearing up for a grand makeover

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya is expected to kick off a makeover of the temple town. From an elevated road and a theme park, to a Ramayan circuit and a Ram katha park, the town will get an all-new look.

Despite the temple movement, Ayodhya has remained backward across economic parameters of development. The nearest airport in Faizabad was upgraded only in 2014, it has no big industry and no gainful employment, though the literacy rate at 78.15% is higher than Uttar Pradesh's average of 67.68%. Ayodhya's largely agrarian support is slackening as productivity has gone down. The good news is the temple town is set to turn the corner.

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Gehlot ready to welcome rebels back

Jaisalmer/Jaipur: Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot said he is open to welcoming back the Congress rebels led by Sachin Pilot, adding, "It depends on the party high command." P8

Former SP leader Amar Singh dies

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha MP Amar Singh died on Saturday in Singapore, where he was under treatment for kidney ailments. He was 64. P8

Govt widens MSME credit scheme ambit

New Delhi: The Centre extended the ₹3-lakh crore MSME credit scheme by doubling the ceiling of loans outstanding to ₹50 cr and including professionals. P10

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Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Our Sutra for
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The Govt. of Karnataka is striving to ensure clean, Open Defecation Free villages and to provide clean, safe drinking water to all households.
Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of Karnataka
Details of the projects in the year 2019-20
Individual Toilets 3,47,596
Community Toilets 800
Solid Waste Management Units 417
Beneficiaries of 28 Multi Village Drinking Water Programs 8,67,000
Open Defecation Free Karnataka
Support to families to own toilets
Community toilets for sustainable sanitation
"Swachhameva Jayate" awareness campaign
Scientific Waste Management
Initiative taken to build 1533 solid waste management units
Karnataka State Rural Sanitation Policy, Strategy & Bye laws-2020 are implemented
Initiative taken to install 30 Gobardhan units
Mane Manege Gange
Providing 55 lts of water to everyone, everyday under 'Jal Jeevan Mission'
Establishing water purification plants to provide drinking water
77 laboratories are setup to test the quality of drinking water
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Sri K.S Eshwarppa inspecting the work progress with department officials.
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